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## Appellate Court Rules 2-1 AGAINST ALMODOVAR

LOS ANGELES: On March 25, the three-judge Court of Appeal ruled that Norma Jean Almodovar, LPC candidate for lieutenant governor, should go to prison on charges of pandering. This overturns a Superior Court's decision that she be permitted to remain free on probation.

At her sentencing in January, 1985, Superior Court Judge Aurelio Munoz had ruled that the state law prohibiting probation for panders constituted cruel and unusual punishment. "Even robbers are given probation," said Munoz, "and she in no way is on the level with robbers. . . It is a procrustean statute that makes up for the shortcomings by being Draconian in nature. . . the punishment is clearly out of proportion to the actions of the defendant."

This was also the opinion of Appellate Court Justice Vaino Spencer who, in a separate six-page opinion, held that the mandatory term was "out of all proportion" to Almodovar's offense.

Notwithstanding Munoz' finding, Appellate Court Justice L. Thaxton Hanson, with the concurrence of Justice Campbell M. Lucas, ruled in a 29-page brief, that "we cannot conclude the punishment of imprisonment is grossly disproportionate to defendant's culpability. She knew what she was doing, she knew there were risks, but she went ahead with the crime. Although the Probation Department and Department of Corrections noted she was otherwise a good candidate for probation, nothing in the record mandates such lenient treatment."

The ruling also upheld the constitutionality of mandatory prison sentences for pandering, declaring the law passed the Supreme Court's three-prong test for constitutionality of punishments: weighing the danger of the offense and the offender, comparing the punishment with those for more serious crimes, and comparing it with those for the same crime in other states.

Yes, other sex crimes have lesser punishments, but that's "indicative of a legislative oversight resulting from the piecemeal enactment of criminal penalties." In other words, punishments for sex crimes should be even harsher than they already are.

Yes, more serious crimes do have lesser penalties, but that still doesn't mean this punishment is cruel or unusual.

And, yes, although it is "on the high side," California's penalty is not out of line with those in other states in which

pandering is a crime (about half the states) — which is probably true, but that's a sad commentary on justice in California and half the nation.

As *CLNews* reported in January, D.A. Ira Reiner's hounding of Norma Jean seems motivated more by fear of what she could reveal in her book about the LAPD than about with any concern over public morality. Why else would their brief contain 57 references to her book and relatively little about the issue of pandering. And why else was she set up for entrapment in the first place?

Despite the ruling and impending sentencing date, Norma Jean continues to speak out. She appeared on the Joan Rivers

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## Russell Means on Campaign Trail

Russell Means, candidate for LP Presidential nomination, is planning two appearances in Southern California in May. The first, May 12, is at the San Diego Supper Club. Then it's on to Los Angeles, where he'll present his views to L.A. libertarians at a dinner meeting in Burbank, May 13. For details, please see page two, under news for Region 61 and San Diego.

Coming up in July: Means and Ron Paul, who is also seeking the presidential nomination, will both be addressing the California delegates in southern and northern California. More in the June *CLNews*.

## ExCom Meeting in May

The LPC ExCom will meet May 2-3 at the Rochelle Convention Center, 3333 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach (one block from the airport). The ExCom meetings are where decisions are made and plans discussed and formalized that affect the functioning of the party, so even those members who are not formal representatives are encouraged to attend.

On Saturday, May 2, LPC secretary Cullene Lang is hosting a buffet dinner at her home, at 1526 Cartegna St., Long Beach. Everyone's invited, and there will be a \$5.00 at cover-charge collected at the door. Please RSVP by April 30 so enough food can be prepared. (213) 595-6266.



# News and Events from the Regions

## New Phone Number

The phone number for the Santa Clara office and Libertarian Party of California had to be changed when everything was relocated to 2156 The Alameda. The new number is (408) 243-2711.

## Here and There

**LAKE COUNTY:** It's another victory for chair Randall Grindle against proponents of Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs). In the March issue, *CLNews* reported how Randy had worked behind the scenes to convince Clearlake City Council members not to implement an ordinance authorizing a CRA in that town. His most recent win is against an attempt by county planners, backed by developers, to establish a CRA in Lower Lake by declaring a marshland to be blighted, then setting up similar projects throughout the county.

At a hearing, however, public outrage was high. According to the Lake Co. *Record Bee*, Randy told the committee that "redevelopment is a scam whereby the county would condemn your home or business, seize it under the power of eminent domain, and force you to sell it at below market value to a large, rich, politically connected outside developer. . . The bottom line is that we don't need his kind of thing in Lower Lake." The audience applauded loudly and cheered.

The plans for a CRA were nipped in the bud, and not only in Lower Lake. Provisions for CRAs are to be deleted from the general plans for the entire county. "Redevelopment has been killed in the unincorporated parts of the county. You have to kill redevelopment at the outset — strangle it, then step on it," says Randy.

**REGION 61 (San Fernando Valley):** Russell Means will be guest speaker at a special regional meeting sponsored by Region 61. The date is set for May 13, at Sorrentino's Italian Inn, 4100 Riverside Dr., Burbank. The cost is \$15 with reservation, \$17 at the door; \$5, speaker only. For reservations call Nancy Neale, (818) 893-6884.

**REGION 64 (Central Los Angeles and Hollywood):** L.A. libertarians are sponsoring a literature table at the Sunset Junction Street Fair to be held Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-25). Shifts are being set up for all three days, and people willing to put in a few hours should contact Ted Brown, (213) 259-9580.

**REGION 67 (East San Gabriel Valley):** Chair Gail Lightfoot reports that contributions for the L.A. County Fair booth have been coming in and there's now enough money in the ac-

count to make a payment which will get us on the list for a space in '88. But a lot more is needed to pay not only for the booth but for the literature with which to stock it. Please send your donations to: L.A. County Fair Fund, P.O. Box 3207, San Dimas, CA 91773.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY:** Russell Means will speak at the San Diego Supper Club, May 12; at the Golden Boat Chinese Restaurant, 2788 Midway, San Diego. \$15 for dinner, \$5, speaker only. Call Dick Rider, (619) 276-7166, for reservations.

## Runoff Elections

• **33rd State Senate District:** Region 65/Orange County chair Lee Connelly is in the runoff election May 12, against Cecil Green (D), Wayne Grisham (R) and Ed Evans (P&F). Lee plans on doing a mailing to residents in Buena Park. Contributions are requested: send yours to Connelly for State Senate, 5831 Western Ave., Buena Park, 90621.

• **5th Congressional District:** Sam Grove is in the race for the seat vacated by the death of Sala Burton, and the election is set for June 2. Sam's campaign manager Will Wohler writes: "This campaign offers a most unusual opportunity for presenting the libertarian outlook to the public. And due to a deep division in the Democratic Party (and the usual minority status of Republicans here) we have a good chance for a very strong showing at the polls." Contributions should be sent to: Grove for Congress, 1800 Market St., #32, San Francisco, 94102. (415) 285-5462.

## Louw and Kendall Here in June

Mark your calendar for a special evening, June 6. Leon Louw and Frances Kendall will be speaking a Lehr's Green House Restaurant in San Francisco. Authors of *South Africa: the Solution*, their book presents libertarian solutions to that country's problems and is a best seller there. The dinner, sponsored by Free Forum Books, will be their only appearance in Northern California. More details next month, but why wait? Call (415) 864-0905 for information now..

## LGLC to Hold Convention

Libertarians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns are holding their national convention, Memorial Day Weekend in San Francisco, from Friday through Monday morning.

Keynote speaker will be former Congressman Bob Bauman. Other speakers include Dale Garringer discussing "How Federal Policies Hinder Aids Research," Paul and Shirley Eberle on "The Politics of Child Abuse," Hubert Kennedy discussing John Henry MacKay (a 19th century libertarian and one of the first advocates of gay rights), and Jerry Dickson on censorship. San Francisco chair Jim Peron will discuss the similarities between anti-discrimination laws and sodomy laws.

The complete convention package is \$75.00. That includes all talks and social events, even the banquet. Other packages are available. For more information contact: LGLC, 1800 Market St., #210, San Francisco, 94102. (415) 864-0952.

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# Tax Day Review

Although the turnout wasn't as terrific as hoped for, several regions held their annual anti-tax demonstrations in front of local postoffices on April 15. Several regions have decided to forgo the event, but those that continue the tradition report it is a good way to maintain a libertarian presence and to recruit potential libertarians.

In San Diego, libertarians distributed 4,000 flyers the weekend before tax day. In fact, Phyllis Avery had to have additional ones printed when they ran out.

Santa Clara County libertarians formed small teams of three or four people each to hand out literature in front of several postoffices in San Jose. Response has been very good, and plans are in the works to set up small discussion groups for those who phoned or sent in the card requesting more information.

Santa Cruz and Ventura libertarians also staged demonstrations and literature distributions.

L.A. libertarians got perhaps the most publicity, with TV coverage on at least three channels we know of and a write-up in the *Herald Examiner*. The attention was due in large part to the prop constructed by Dave Wilson, membership chair of Region 64, of a toilet and garbage can on a platform, with a sign telling taxpayers they do have a choice where their money goes. Over a dozen members of Region 64 and 63 took part in the demonstration.



Terminal Annex, Los Angeles

1. left-right: Laura Brown, Kim Goldsworthy, Ted Brown, Dave Wilson.
2. Carlos, the littlest rebel.
3. Ted Brown interviewed for the 6:00 news.

## The Newsmaker Award

John Vernon

In the February issue, *CLNews* ran a paragraph about the inauguration of Region 62's Newsmaker Award project. This involves scanning letters to the editor columns in local newspapers, and inviting writers whose letters reveal some kind of libertarian inclination to the monthly dinner meeting for a complimentary dinner and some food for thought. John Vernon, chair of Region 62 and the instigator of the plan, brings us up to date on how successful it's been. A successful letter writer himself, having written several hundred letters to editors since 1971, over half of which have been published, he figures it was natural that he should come up with the idea. — Editor.

The Newsmaker Award operates on the principle of recognition — something everyone loves. In my opinion, those who take the time and trouble to write a letter, with the risk that it may not be published, deserve recognition, especially if the letter contains libertarian points of view.

The Newsmaker Award got off to a slow start, but we are now getting good responses. At our March dinner meeting, one nominee, Jerry Hays, a candidate for the L.A. City Council, responded. He had written a letter in support of the Gann spending limits.

At the April dinner meeting, four winners from the previous two months were present. While two of the gentlemen probably do not consider themselves libertarians, I would like to think that at least we have cultivated their friendship and may in the future receive some votes from them, if not some other type of support. Another writer is a member of the National Libertarian Party, but had not been in touch with the local party until we contacted him. Another Newsmaker winner has volunteered the use of his lovely home, complete with pool, and tennis court, for a libertarian event.

Newsmaker nominees from Region 61 are divided into three categories. The first consists of those letters which clearly state

a libertarian principle on an issue or advocate an approach to a problem which we clearly see as having originated with libertarians. The second group is comprised of letters containing an approach we advocate which may also be advocated by some other group, and so we see it as slightly less "libertarian" than the first group. The third is letters that contain some statement which, while not clearly libertarian, may provide a basis for dialogue with the writer and was written by someone we might like to cultivate.

Winners of the Newsmaker Award chosen from Group One receive dinner for two at a regularly scheduled dinner meeting, three months of the local and state LPC newsletters, a calligraphed certificate, plus (courtesy of Jeff and Nancy Neale) a copy of Robert Ringer's *Restoring the American*

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## Thomas Sowell to Speak at UCN

Economist Thomas Sowell will discuss *The Role of the Free Market*, Thursday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m., at California State University, Northridge in the University Student Theatre.

Dr. Sowell is currently a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and has gained considerable attention for his views on the importance of the free market in resolving broad social issues. A widely respected author, his books include *A Conflict of Visions* (1987), *Marxism* (1985), *The Economics of Politics and Race* (1983), and *Ethnic America* (1981).

The talk is sponsored by the School of Business and Economics as part of the Distinguished Lecturers Program and is open to the public without charge.



# Checklist for a New Chair

Kim Goldsworthy

If you are a newly-elected chair of a county/region, you may have asked, "what do I do now?" There is no limit to what you and the other members of your region can do, given the number of activists and your budget. The following checklist may prove helpful.

- **Budget:** Ask your treasurer what the source of income is and what expenses there are. The dues checks come quarterly from the state treasurer and vary in amount with the time of year. Your biggest expense is probably your monthly newsletter. Find out how much discretionary income is left for projects like outreach mailings and advertising.

- **Roster:** Although your newsletter should mention the incoming officers, it would be prudent to obtain a current roster from your membership chair and *telephone personally* each inactive or semi-active member, saying something like, "This is . . . I'm the new chair for the Libertarian Party in . . . County. I'm just calling to introduce myself and to encourage you to come to next month's supper club (or meeting). Hope to see you there!"

Note whether the member is receptive to this invitation or simply says that attendance is unlikely. Don't write that person off even if enthusiasm seems low. Some people will contribute money to a cause, but dragging them to a restaurant is near impossible (and vice-versa).

- **Publicity:** Every chamber of commerce has a list of its local non-profit organizations. Telephone or write every chamber in your county for a copy of that list and study it. Is there a LWV, VFW or DAR chapter? They could be looking for speakers, especially in an election year. Write the chamber to request that *your* organization be listed, giving a contact's name, address, phone and title.

- **Opposition:** Visit the local Democratic and Republican clubs. How active are they? How big are they? What are they

doing that works? What can we do to outmaneuver them? Get on their mailing lists.

- **Prospects:** Your county Registrar of Voters has lists waiting to be flaunted. Get a list of the people who *actually voted* in November in your county (this eliminates those who have died, moved, or don't vote at all). The cost of the list will vary county to county. Contact either by phone or mail those who registered Libertarian, encouraging them to visit your monthly meeting and to join the LP.

- **Programs for Meetings:** There are organizations anxious to spread their message, like COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics), which is working to decriminalize prostitution; or TRIM (Tax Reform IMMEDIATELY), which publishes the voting records of senators and members of congress and whether they voted for less government and lower taxes.

Professional organizations usually have a speakers bureau. Find a speaker with a libertarian slant. Invite a big-name personality, e.g., a past LP presidential candidate or civic big-wig who can speak knowledgeably on a local issue. Be prepared to pay their expenses if travel is necessary.

- **Media:** Develop a media list. Every libertarian meeting that is open to the public ought to have a press release announcing it mailed to the newspapers. Include college papers, newsletters of organizations like MENSAs, and newsletters of groups at least somewhat sympathetic to libertarianism.

If you do not know how to write a press release, there are books in your library on public relations that will tell you how and give examples. Bigger events warrant TV and radio press releases as well. Every year you should have at least one event that justifies the hoopla, like a fund raiser or a county-wide activity.

Kim Goldsworthy is chair of Region 63 (Pasadena and the west San Gabriel Valley) and current coordinator of Libertarian Toastmasters for the L.A. area.

## Driving to Seattle?

If your summer plans include driving to the LP National Convention in Seattle, you might want to break your trip and relax for a day or two in the beautiful Oregon countryside, where former LPC members Rhoda and Allen Mozorosky have opened a bed-and-breakfast in a house overlooking the Umpqua Valley. It's just seven miles from the I-5, half way between San Francisco and Seattle. Rates are \$35 (double)/\$30 (single), which includes a full breakfast of fresh fruits, farm-fresh eggs, homemade baked breads, etc. This would be a be a great place to recuperate after the Convention on your way home, too.

For more information, the address is 7338 Oak Hill Road, Roseburg, Oregon, 97470; (503) 459-4700.

### Norma Jean

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Show on April 2, and the switchboard was lit up with calls from sympathetic, irate viewers. She was interviewed by writer Ellen Hawkes for an article published in the May issue of *Penthouse Magazine*, and *60 Minutes* is doing a story on the case, with Ed Bradley. Because of the *Penthouse* article, invitations for speaking engagements have come in from all over the country and Norma Jean has been traveling to as many places as possible. On April 23 she'll leave for Chicago to speak at the Illinois LP Convention. A reporter for a West

German publication also plans to attend; he'd come to L.A. to interview Norma Jean, then got interested in libertarianism and wants to do an article on that as well.

As for Ira Reiner's office, it's been deluged with mail protesting the vendetta against Norma Jean. To make your voice heard, address your remarks to: Ira Reiner, Office of the District Attorney, 210 W. Temple, Los Angeles, 90012.

Based in part on an article in the *L.A. Times*

### Award

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*Dream.* Group Two nominees receive the newsletters and a \$5.00 discount off the dinner price; and those in Group Three, only the newsletters.

The program is not without problems and costs. First there's the problem of notifying the nominees of their nominations. We must obtain their addresses, either through the phone directory, or if that's not possible, we ask the cooperation of the editor at the paper to forward a letter of notification to nominees. Since editors are quite busy, it is a good idea not to burden them unless absolutely necessary — after all, we desire their goodwill.

I cannot think of any business more important to members of the Libertarian Party than outreach, especially at a time when our vote totals have been on the decline. Newsmaker Nominees are prime candidates for membership, and we owe it to our movement to let these people know that we desire their involvement and support.



# Eye on Congress and Sacramento

## S 445, The Military Draft

Sen. Holling's bill to reinstate the draft (see March *CLNews*) is currently languishing in the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel, and no hearings have been scheduled.

*CLNews* has learned from the Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel that hearings on the desirability of national service may be held later this year by this subcommittee. If you want to address the subcommittee, now's the time to get on the speakers list. Contact Fred Pang, Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel, Armed Services Committee, Senate Russell Building, Washington D.C. 20510 and ask to be notified if and when such a hearing is scheduled. Mr. Pang may also be reached at (202) 224-3128.

## Those Redevelopment Bills

If you thought the redevelopment agencies had just about all the power they could possibly need, think again. Last month *CLNews* mentioned some of the new legislation designed to expand the powers of CRAs. Here are more details.

One little word makes all the difference in AB 1314. Currently, the law reads: *Before the approval of a redevelopment plan by the agency, the agency shall conduct a public hearing on it.* The bill would change *shall* conduct a public hearing to *may* conduct a public hearing. No committee date has been set for this yet.

Richard Polanco, who introduced AB 1314, also introduced AB 2181 that will enable a redevelopment agency to take land *outside* a project area through eminent domain if necessary. The hearing is set for May 11.

In the Senate Marian Burgeson is sponsoring SB 442, as part of a four-bill package. SB 442 would permit landowners in an area they would define to form "land adjustment associations" which would have the powers of eminent domain currently enjoyed by CRAs. This means private citizens could club together and "adjust" their neighbors land if it is not being used the way the association thinks is best. It's all to be done in the public interest, you understand. An aide in Burgeson's office said my objections to the bill were the first

that had been received — that nobody, absolutely nobody had questioned the desirability of giving private persons such extraordinary powers. On April 8, SB 442 went through the Senate Local Government Committee slick as an egg though a goose. The fact that Burgeson chairs the committee may have been a factor in the ease with which this was done.

• **What to do:** Copies of these or any bill can be obtained with a phone call to you local assembly person. Their aide is also able to tell what committee the bill is in and when it will be heard. Contact that committee if you feel strongly about the issue and wish to enter testimony against it.

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# LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., May 14	Social Get-Together	Mike Tejeda	415/531-0760
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			John Corl	415/223-4112
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley	Wed., May 13	Russell Means, Candidate for LP Pres. Nomination	John Vernon	818/780-9943
-62, West L.A.	Thu., May 21	Bob Poole: The New Enlightenment	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-62, Beverly Hills	Sat., May 23	Ferde Grofe: Pilots for a Libertarian Society	Joel Bross*	213/278-2714
-63, Foothills	Tue., May 19	Michael Emmerling: Introduction to Libertarianism	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central L.A.	Wed. May 13	Russell Means: Please See Region 61	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Thu., May 21	Rick Arnold: An LPC Ballot Initiative in '88	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
-66, South Bay	Thu., May 28	Program to be Announced	Sam Treynor	213/546-2846
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/623-5067
Marin	Wed., May 6	Tom Bethell: My Disagreements with Libertarians	Dan Dougherty*	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	Tue., May 12	Rick Arnold: An LPC Ballot Initiative in '88	Lee Connelly	714/994-3256
	Thu., May 21	Don Franzen: In Defense of Slumlords (Liberty Forum)	Jack Dean*	714/975-0905
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside			Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino			Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., May 12	Russell Means, Candidate for LP Nomination	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
	Tue., May 19	Business Meeting	Pat Wright	619/295-9510
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., May 26	Barbara Branden: <i>The Passion of Ayn Rand</i>	Paul King*	619/575-6058
San Francisco	Wed., May 13	Privatization (video tape)	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
	Sat., May 9	Bart Lee: The Law is an ASS (Free Exchange)	Jim Peron	415/864-0952
San Luis Obispo			Clyde Steele	805/541-8892
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara	Fri., May 15	Monthly Discussion of Issues	Brian Garrity	805/928-0311
Santa Clara	Thu., May 21	Business Meeting	Steve Alexander	408/554-1119
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	May 5 & 19	Discussion: Local Issues and Pending Legislation	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Thu., May 7	Representative from <i>Beyond War</i>	George Hasara	805/525-6321
Yolo			Bryce Bigwood	916/756-9283

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